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Applicant : Gary E. FOUT, et al.

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HYDROCARBONS FROM MATERIAL

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.